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Group Art Unit: 2823 Examiner: Lee, Hsien Ming
Atty. Docket No.: M-12524 US
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Assignee(s): Mosel Vitelic, Inc.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the above patent application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); and
- (3) Amendment (17 pp.).

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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed 30 September 2003, please amend the above patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend Claims 27, 29, 32, and 34 so that the claims are as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A method for forming cobalt silicide on a body which has a surface that comprises silicon, the method comprising:

forming a cobalt layer on said surface;

forming a titanium layer over the cobalt layer by ionized physical vapor deposition while the body is attached to a support biased with an AC power of 0 W;

reacting the cobalt with the silicon to form cobalt silicide; and

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